GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF NARMADA STREAM IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to divert Narmada Stream in Madhya Pradesh to the areas where there is scarcity of water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule fixed in this regard alongwith budget earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Madhya Pradesh hasformulated three schemes namely Bargi Diversion Project, Upper Narmada Project and Punasa Lift Irrigation Scheme on the main stream Narmada for divertingNarmada waters to the water scarce areas in the districts of Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Rewa, Mandla, Shahdol and Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The Bargi Diversion Project approved by the Planning Commission in the year 1998 for Rs. 1101.26 crore (at 1995 price level) envisages diversion of water from Bargi Dam through Right Bank Canal to irrigate 245 thousand hectare in the districts of Jabalpur, Katni, Satna and Rewa. The project started during 1988-1989 is likely to be completed in 2012. Some parts of the project are receiving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and an amount of Rs. 163.03 crore (100% CLA) has been released to the State Government till date.

The Upper Narmada Project estimated to cost Rs.211.92 crore envisages annual irrigation of 18.61 thousand hectare in the districts of Mandla and Shahdol is under various stages of appraisal in the Central Water Commission. The project is likely to be completed in 2007.

The Punasa Lift Irrigation Scheme to lift water directly from the Indira SagarReservoir estimated to cost Rs. 157 crore envisages annual irrigation of 36.758 thousand hectare and drinking water provision to 110 villages in the district of Khandwa is under various stages of appraisal in the Central Water Commission. The project is likely to be completed in 2006.

Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, formulated, implemented and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities.